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CITY TO CREATE VIBRANT REDEVELOPMENT

HISTORIC NORTH FLATS DISTRICT

Medicine Hat – The City of Medicine Hat will host an open house on Thursday, June 7, 2007.

The open house is expected to gain input from the public about redevelopment of the North Flats area of the city over the next 20 years.

"The North Flats is a special place in Medicine Hat. It's blessed with many desirable amenities such as its parks, boulevard trees, character-rich streets and its proximity to the downtown," says Kim Haskell, Planner with the City's Planning, Building and Development department. "We want everyone to be involved in identifying what makes this neighbourhood great and to develop ideas for how it can be made even better."

The feedback will be used to help create a viable redevelopment plan in the North Flats and to ensure the North Flats continues to develop into a vibrant mixed-use community.

Over the next six months the City and IBI Group, the City's consultant on the project, will meet several times with residents and business owners in the area to ensure continuous involvement in the redevelopment.

"IBI Group is inspired by the many opportunities that can be realized in this unique historic district," says Brandy Clements, an Urban Planner at IBI Group. "Additional public involvement opportunities include an Action Strategy Workshop on June 23, open to residents and business owners of the North Flats, four Steering Committee positions for the residents of the North Flats, and a second open house in September of this year."

If you would like further information regarding this project or if you are interested in participating in the workshop or holding a position on the Steering Committee please contact Brandy Clements of IBI Group at (402) 270-5600 or Kimberley Haskell, City of Medicine Hat Planning Officer at (403) 502-8553.

What: OPEN HOUSE
When: Thursday, June 7, 2007
Time: 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Where: Strathcona Centre

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